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Matthias Niethammer CONFIRMATION NO.: 8170

SERIAL NO.: 10/804,683 GROUP ART UNIT: 2882

FILED: March 19, 2004

TITLE: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE SERVICING OF AN EXTERNAL COMPONENT OF AN INSTALLED MEDICAL SYSTEM"

AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*12	MINUS	**20	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*4	MINUS	4	X	() X 43.00 () X 86.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			() YES () NO		() \$145.00 () \$290.00 ONE TIME	
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

A check for \$_____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$_____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicant herewith amends the above-referenced application as follows, and
requests entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.